Task 8

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All through history, when songwriters are creating songs, they turn to common themes of which most songs follow. The most common themes of Songs are:

- Love
- Hope
- World Events
- Politics
- And Drugs

It isn’t very common to find a song that is not about one of these things.

1960’s - Hope

- The 1960’s were a period in the world with significant changes and challenges for everybody. But despite the challenges, wars, and events, it was a time of a hope for many.
- Hope was the thing that a lot of people turned to through the social changes, civil rights movements, and optimism of the period.
- By the late 60s, especially with the threat of the Vietnam war, there was a turn in culture where a lot of people wanted only [illegible] or all.

1970’s - World events

- Over time tension had rose between northern Island and the greater UK, sparking a period known as the troubles. Northern Ireland was split into two major groups, The protestant unionists, who wanted Northern Ireland to stay part of the UK, and the Catholics who wanted Northern Ireland to become part of the republic of Ireland instead. The tensions became large, and military groups became involved with the conflict.
- As the 1970s progressed, the troubles became more deadly; Bombings of public places, Violent atrocities done by all sides.
- On January 30th, 1972, the conflict came to a head. A group of catholic protestors marched for civil rights. British Paratroopers intervened, killing 13 unarmed protestors and injuring 14 others (one of whom later died, so you can add them to the count too). This event sparked anger, and was covered by news and journalists, nicknaming the event ‘Bloody Sunday’.

1980’s - Politics

1990’s - Drugs

Love